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Dear Justice Department,

I think that Microsoft should not be able to settle and should not be able to accept money. I think that settling the case and just forgetting about it with the other states is a little like bribery. I am glad that some states did not accept Microsoft's settlement plan because then Microsoft would have gotten away with monopoly. Microsoft already has tons of money so money would not be a big problem.

I was reading the latest cases and noticed that Microsoft was trying to request for a 4-month extension on time to challenge the dissenting states about remedy proposals. This obviously will give Microsoft the advantage they need to win the case.

Microsoft's bundling needs to stop because when people buy their software, they automatically get Internet Explorer. They don't have a choice but to use Internet Explorer. Even though Microsoft's bundling effort is very unique and smart, it is causing other Internet companies to lose money. Soon, Microsoft will own most of the Internet companies if this keeps on going. It will just be like John D. Rockefeller's monopoly ideas. He owned oil companies and controlled a lot of the oil refineries. Then, in 1879, he owned over 90% of all oil refineries. Slowly, he took over almost the whole process of oil companies. John D. Rockefeller once said, "It is too late to argue about advantages of industrial combinations. They are a necessity of Americans to have the privilege of extending their business in all the starts of the Union, and into foreign countries as well." This shows that even back then, people thought that monopoly was a necessity in business life. I don't think that Americans really need them.

The recent saying about how Microsoft should stop their bundling, is too soft. It won't really do anything because Microsoft already has so much software out there that they could stop their bundling, but there would already be a lot of Microsoft software out there with the Internet service.

These are just some of my ideas. Thanks for reading it. :)

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